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Online Grocery Retailing - UK

“Online grocery was not just the leading growth area in the grocery sector in 2020, but across all of UK retail. A combination of consumer concern and greater in-home food and drink demand served to not only see the channel record growth during the periods of lockdown but throughout the ...

Specialist Food and Drink Retailers - UK

“Specialist food and drink retailers have suffered in a year like no other in recent times. With the economy struggling as the pandemic took hold, wages dropped and footfall on the high street plummeted as online retail surged. There is light at the end of the tunnel now however, and ...

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Electrical Goods Retailing - UK

“Spending on electricals fell by 7% as it was hit by COVID-19 in 2020. This was underpinned by a sharp decline during the initial lockdown, a polarisation of demand and sales losses beyond household and personal care appliances. Accordingly, sales dropped despite the surge of new opportunities amid extended periods ...

Christmas Gift Buying - UK

“Christmas 2020 was unlike any other, with the COVID-19 pandemic causing dramatic online growth and store closures and concern around visiting stores meaning significant declines of in-store footfall. These two trends conspired to see online, for the first time, take a majority of non-food spending in Q4, a dramatic statistic ...

Optical Goods Retailing - UK

“In the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 outbreak in the UK, the optical goods and services market suffered large declines as stores were forced to close. This has led some chains to rethink their store positions as city centres and shopping centres remain quiet even with stores re-opened. Meanwhile, with ...

Greetings Cards and Personal Stationery Retailing - UK

“The pandemic has heightened consumers’ sense of belonging and as such, sending greetings cards have become an important part of keeping in touch with family and friends during lockdown. Despite the rise of digital communications, the pandemic has put a renewed focus on the traditional pastime as it gives people ...

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Beauty and Personal Care Retailing - UK

“Changes in people’s lifestyles as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns have affected usage habits and led to major shifts in the types of beauty and personal care products consumers are buying. One of the big opportunities is for brands to focus on in-home beauty treatments and ...